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1. The headquarters of the 333 Engineer Regiment was in Karlovac, which at that time was included in the 5 Military District of Zagreb. Captain Stevo Muholjic, who during late 1950 was arrested on the charge of promoting pro-Cominform activity, was in command of the 333 Engineer Regiment. This regiment comprised the following units:

- a. The 1 Training Battalion
- b. The 2 Camouflage Battalion
- c. The 3 Pontoon-Bridge Battalion
- d. The 4 Flame Thrower Battalion
- e. The 5 Pioneer Battalion

All of these units, the members of which were billeted in the "Oreskovic" military barracks, had their headquarters in Karlovac.

2. Captain Maxim Jaksic was commanding officer and Vlado Jurevic was political commissar of the 1 Training Battalion. The 1 Training Battalion was broken up into the following companies:

- a. The 1 Company under the command of Captain Vlado Jurevic
- b. The 2 Company under the command of First Lieutenant Slavko Grahek, who was arrested toward the end of 1950 on the charge of promoting pro-Cominform activity.
- c. The 3 Company commanded by First Lieutenant Babic.

The platoon leaders of the 2 Company were: First Lieutenant Niko Stepcevic, First Lieutenant Vitomir Tesic andarrant Officer Radoje Stefanovic, while Captain Trnokon was political commissar.

3. The 1 Training Battalion of the 333 Engineer Regiment in Karlovac was actually

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a training battalion for engineer reserve officers. This battalion was composed of some 320 recruits who had had at least eight years of education, and who had been drafted for one year of military service. Upon completion of the year of training, the men who received satisfactory grades in their examinations were given the rank of officer candidate. Generally, these officer candidates were given a two-month period of intensive training followed by examinations. The officer candidates who were successful in the second series of examinations were given the rank of first lieutenant in the reserves.

4. Studies offered in the 1 Training Battalion and the respective instructors of the same were:

- a. Political indoctrination - Captain Trnokop
- b. Leadership - 1st Lt. Niko Stepcevic
- c. Tactics - 1st Lt. (Slavko Grahek)
- d. Chemical warfare)
- e. Use of arms)
- f. Fortifications)
- g. Camouflage) Warrant Officer (Radoje Stefanovic)
- h. Motorization)
- i. Delaying action)
- j. Topography)
- k. Tasks of engineer units) 1st Lt. (Vitomir Tesic)
- l. Bridges)
- m. River crossing - 1st Lt. Niko Stepcevic

5. During the training period the men of the 1 Training Battalion were allegedly urged to join the Yugoslav Communist Party. At the beginning of the training period there were reportedly few Party members in the battalion, but before the termination of the training cycle, 18 men were allegedly arrested for being anti-Communist. Of the 300 recruits who graduated on 15 September 1950, all but 15 became members or candidates of the Yugoslav Communist Party. A person who did not have a favorable military record found it difficult to obtain employment.
6. The members of the 3, 4 and 5 Battalions received only six months of training, upon completion of which they were assigned to highway, railroad and bridge construction projects.
7. The 333 Engineer Regiment was equipped with 60 new "Praga" Czechoslovak trucks. The men of the 1 Training Battalion were armed with 7.9 mm. "Kragujevka" rifles; the men of the 2, 3 and 4 Battalions were armed with Soviet 7.62 mm. rifles, while the members of the 5 Battalion were equipped with Soviet 7.62 mm. submachine guns. An ammunition dump belonging to the 333 Engineer Regiment was located at Jama, two kilometers south of Karlovac.

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8. An unspecified artillery regiment¹ also had its headquarters in Karlovac. This regiment was equipped with horse-drawn guns the barrels of which were approximately 280 cm. long. Another unidentified artillery unit was stationed in the village of Turanj about five kilometers east of Karlovac.
9. An engineering school for officers in the Yugoslav Army and an engineering academy were also located in Karlovac.² Major General Petar Vojnovic, who served as political commissar of the Karlovac garrison, was superintendent of both of these engineering schools. The commanding officer of the Karlovac garrison was Lt. Colonel Breka.)
10. During the time the informant was still in Karlovac, the men of the 333 Engineer Regiment had begun construction of a bandage factory in the village of Gornje Srarce (sic), approximately five kilometers east of Karlovac.
11. The population of Karlovac reportedly demonstrated its anti-Communist sentiments against the men of the 333 Engineer Regiment on various occasions. The peasants refused to sell any produce to soldiers attached to the 333 Engineer Regiment, and at different times during the period from March to September 1950, soldiers were reportedly attacked or killed by the people of the area. Attacks were also made upon members of the Militia, the UDB and officials in the local government. Authorities placed the responsibility for such acts upon an underground organization in Karlovac called the "Black Glove".

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